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For: METHODS FOR REDUCING NON-SPECIFIC
BINDING TO AN OLIGONUCLEOTIDE
ARRAY

Examiner: M. L. Borin

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

A Petition for Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee, are being filed concurrently herewith.